What Reserve Component Members Need to Know About: the TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Project

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What is the TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Project?

- The TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Project is effective for health care received on or after September 14th 2001 – nationwide
- It is a test program to ensure timely access to health care during a national crisis for family members of activated reservists
- It applies to family members of Reservists called to active duty for periods of more than 30 days in support of operations that
  - result from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001,
  - under Executive Order 13223, 10 U.S.C. 12302, 10 U.S.C. 12301(d),
  - or 32 U.S.C. 502(f).
  - Such operations include, for example,
    - Operation ENDURING FREEDOM
    - and NOBLE EAGLE

So what does TRFDP mean to my family?

- Waiver of TRICARE Standard and Extra Annual Deductible.
  - Participants who do not or cannot enroll in TRICARE Prime are not required to pay the annual outpatient deductible under Standard or Extra (up to $300).
  - These beneficiaries are only responsible for their cost share
    - 20 percent for TRICARE Standard and
    - 15 percent for TRICARE Extra
  - This component covers all outpatient health care received by an eligible participant through Oct. 31, 2007

Anything else?

- Waiver of the TRICARE Maximum Allowable Charge under TRICARE Standard.
  - The Department of Defense will pay up to 115 percent of the TRICARE maximum allowable charge, less the applicable cost share, for
  - demonstration participants who are covered by TRICARE Standard and
  - receive care from nonparticipating providers who bill in excess of the TRICARE maximum allowable charge.
  - This component covers all health care received by an eligible participant through Oct. 31, 2007

Anything else?

- Waiver of Non-availability Statement (NAS) Requirement for Non-emergency Inpatient Care.
  - The requirement to obtain a NAS before non-emergency inpatient care can be paid under TRICARE Standard
    - is waived for all eligible demonstration participants.
  - This component covers all non-emergency inpatient care received by an eligible participant through Oct. 31, 2007

Saved rounds?

- To ensure family members are eligible for the TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Project upon activation,
  - update your information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database
    - by visiting your local personnel office
  - Bring proper documentation to update your family file,
    - such as a marriage certificate, birth certificate or divorce decree.
  - Incorrect information causes
    - delayed claims processing, problems with retail pharmacies, and
    - TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy benefits, and other problems
  - For more information about DEERS contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO)
    - Telephone Center at 1-800-538-9552, or their web site
    - Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office